Docket No. 0851.00003

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PIPE INSULATION COUPLING

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	I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.								
	I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.								
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I hereby claim the benefit under application(s) listed below:	- 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e)	of any United States provisional			
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U. S. C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C. F. R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:					
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT BY SINGLE INVENTOR

WHEREAS, I, **Orval A. Opperthauser**, residing at 404 Glenbrook, Atlantis. Florida 33462, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, have invented <u>PIPE INSULATION COUPLING</u> for which Assignor is about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, **HYDRA-ZORB. CO.**, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and having a place of business at 2450 Commercial Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48321-4407, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee(s), its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries to the said invention as described in the specification executed by Assignor of even date preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor, said invention and all applications for Letters Patent and all Letters Patents therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee(s) to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of application for Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries on, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention or Letters Patent therefor for the benefit of Assignee(s) without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee(s).

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Date: September 22,2000

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